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natural gas consumer in this State to provide natural gas supply service.

2. Required information. A gas marketer registering under this section shall provide:

A. The name, mailing address and phone number of the gas marketer; and

B. The name, mailing address and phone number of a contact person who is knowledgeable regarding the gas marketer's activities in the State.

A gas marketer registered under this section shall promptly provide the commission with any additional relevant information requested by the commission, including, but not limited to, copies of any residential contracts for retail natural gas supply service. The commission shall provide through the issuance of protective orders pursuant to section 1311 for appropriate confidentiality protection as necessary for any information provided under this section.

3. Contracts void. Any contract for retail natural gas supply service entered into after the effective date of this section by a gas marketer that is not registered with the commission under this section is deemed void.

§4709. Natural gas unbundling

1. Commission rulemaking. In order to foster the unbundling of natural gas services and the development of a competitive natural gas supply market in the State, the commission shall consider the need for and may adopt rules in the following areas:

A. The need to license gas marketers;

B. The need for a code of conduct governing the relationship between a gas utility and an affiliated gas marketer to prevent the affiliated gas marketer's exercise of market power and to ensure fair competition among all gas marketers;

C. The need for regulations to protect consumers from abusive practices by gas marketers; and

D. Any other subject of natural gas unbundling that requires additional regulation.

2. Major substantive rules. Rules adopted under this section are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 144

H.P. 321 - L.D. 437

An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Executive Sessions of Public Bodies

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §405, sub-§6, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 758, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

D. Discussion of labor contracts and proposals and meetings between a public agency and its negotiators. The parties must be named before the body or agency may go into executive session. Negotiations between the representatives of a public employer and public employees may be open to the public if both parties agree to conduct negotiations in open sessions;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 145

S.P. 45 - L.D. 116

An Act to Protect Consumers in Real Estate Mortgage Transactions

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA c. 9, sub-c. I-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER I-A

FUNDED SETTLEMENT ACT

§521. Short title

This subchapter may be known and cited as the "Funded Settlement Act".

§522. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Disbursement of loan funds. "Disbursement of loan funds" means the delivery of the loan funds by the lender to the settlement agent in one or more of the following forms:

A. Cash;

B. Wired funds or electronic transfer;